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SUBJECT:LOS: GROUP OF 77 DISCUSSIONS ON LAW OF THE SEA

REF: USUN 2989

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES REPORTING ON CURRENT GROUP OF
77 CONSULTATIONS ON LOS. YOU SHOULD EXPRESS APPRECIATION
TO AMBASSADOR ZELAYA FOR KEEPING US INFORMED AND SEEKING
OUR VIEWS. YOU SHOULD INDICATE, HOWEVER, WE WOULD HAVE
GREAT DIFFICULTIES WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARTICLE

25. FYI: IN ADDITION TO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE THE
RSNT ON A PIECEMEAL BASIS WITH REPRESENTATIVES WHO MAY
NOT REFLECT VIEWS OF G-77 LEADERSHIP. FURTHER, THE
LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE 25 IN THE RSNT WAS NEGOTIATED DURING
INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS PRIOR TO MARCH LOS CONFERENCE IN
SMALL GROUP CONSULTATIONS, AND WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION
TO AGREE TO ANY CHANGES WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH OTHER
CONCERNED DELEGATIONS FIRST. END FYI. KISSINGER

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